

\$1,000,000 FIRE IN KNOXVILLE.

Many Business Houses Were Destroyed by the Flames Before the Fierce Blaze Was Gotten Under Control.

MILLS AND FACTORIES GO.

Street-Car Service and Telephones and Telegraphs Put Out of Commission by the Big Conflagration, Origin of Which is a Mystery.

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., Dec. 22.—Fire which started this morning at 1:30 o'clock in the four-story factory of the Knoxville Knitting Mills, on Commerce avenue, spread to surrounding structures and did \$1,000,000 damage.

The burning building was just across the street from the Central Fire station, and no sooner had the men of this station turned out than a general alarm went in calling the entire department to the rescue.

In a very short time the building was gutted and the fire had spread, taking the building occupied by Broyles, McClelland & Lackey, on the west, and that occupied by the David Commission Company.

The building on the east side of the street, between Commerce and Wall avenues, seemed doomed. Water which was poured on the threatened structures turned into steam as soon as it hit the red hot walls.

A few minutes later the large five-story building of the George Brown Hardware Company, located on Gay street, caught at the rear of the fifth floor, destroying it. In the mean time on the east of the burning structures the building of the large wholesale clothing firm of McTeer, Hood & Co. had caught fire, and it, too, was devoured by the flames.

Chattanooga was asked for aid, and the answer came that an engine company would soon leave that city.

The H. B. Cate & Co.'s liquor house was next to go. This same building was occupied by the Shanklin Grain Company and the Merchants' Transfer Company. The loss is fully \$1,000,000, probably more.

All the firms are well insured.

Five thousand people were at the fire. The burning of the big Brown store was made doubly dangerous owing to the large number of cartridges stored in it which exploded like bunches of fire-crackers.

President Magnien Dead.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 22.—Very Rev. Dr. Alphonse L. Magnien, President Emeritus of St. Mary's Seminary, the head of the Sulpicians in this country and the intimate friend of the late Cardinal Gibbons, died to-day after a long illness. Dr. Magnien had been ill from kidney and heart trouble for three years.

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CHRISTMAS CHEER FOR THE NEEDY.

The Evening World Will Give 1,000 Christmas Dinners to 1,000 Poor Families in Greater New York.

Christmas Day will be gladdened for 1,000 needy families in Greater New York by 1,000 delicious Christmas dinners given by the Evening World.

The dinners will contain the finest procurable Yuletide fare and each will be sufficient for a family of six persons.

The Evening World in making this annual gift to the poor of Greater New York aims to benefit as many deserving persons in the best possible way.

During the first twelve years of its existence the Evening World distributed each year, by means of Christmas trees, candles, toys and warm serviceable clothing to the children of the poor for the past three years, however, it has been deemed a more practical form of gift to present complete Christmas dinners to poor families.

The dinners include every requisite for a Yuletide feast, from soup and succulent chicken to steaming, fragrant plum pudding and black coffee. Candles and cakes are added for the benefit of the children of the family.

In order that the most deserving families may receive the Evening World Christmas dinners, the distribution will be made solely through the Charity Organization Society, which will act in conjunction with the St. Vincent de Paul Society, the Paulist Fathers, the Brooklyn Bureau of Charities and the Association for Improving the Condition of the Poor. All applications for dinners made to the Evening World are referred to the Charity Organization Society.

The agents of the above societies work in every district of Greater New York and are in a better position to know the needs and merits of the inhabitants of their districts than any outsider could possibly be.

The names of the thousand families who are to be the Evening World's guests will not be published.

It is the Evening World's aim to make Christmas a day of general rejoicing in as many homes as possible. With this object the dinners are given, and the condition of the poor.

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THE EVENING WORLD'S CHRISTMAS DINNER FOR THE POOR.

One Thousand of Which Will Be Delivered Free in Baskets on the Morning of Dec. 24.

Soup. Chicken. String Beans. Potatoes. White Onions. Bread. Cakes. Plum Pudding. Candies. Coffee.

Each Dinner Will Be Sufficient for a Family of Six.

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UNCLE SAM GOT THESE PRESENTS

Those Who Bought Them Abroad Find Treasures Held in Custom-House, and Must Buy Again to Save Them.

ARE VALUED AT \$50,000.

They Were Purchased of Famous Art Dealer in Baden-Baden, Who Is to Blame for the Sad Christmas Tragedy.

Unless the purchasers are successful to-morrow in buying back presents that have been once paid for, a number of persons in New York will be disappointed on Christmas Day.

The New York customs authorities have seized, condemned and offered for auction about \$50,000 worth of precious things, bronzes, ivory carvings, bric-a-brac, pictures and rare cut-glass that were bought of Simon Wolf in Baden-Baden, and intended by the American purchasers as Christmas gifts for friends.

The customs authorities say that Wolf, who agreed to deliver the goods in New York, duty paid, undervalued his shipments, and thus was Uncle Sam defrauded.

Among those bemoaning their loss are Col. E. M. Knox, of No. 26 East Eighty-third street; Charles Minzenheimer, the banker, living at No. 18 East Sixty-fourth street; Michael Weinburg, of No. 25 West Seventy-sixth street, and Mrs. Stackelberg, who lives at the Hotel Savoy.

The New Yorkers have full confidence in Wolf, who is one of the most famous art dealers in Europe, and are surprised that such a mistake in valuation should be made.

Their only chance of recovering the presents is to bid in with others at the Government auction to-morrow.

LODGER SLASHED HIS WRIST

Despondent Over Loss of Position, He Tried Suicide.

Despondent over the loss of his position, Frederick Smith cut the arteries of his left wrist in an attempt to end his life in the Defender Hotel, No. 30 Bowery. He was found after he had lost a large quantity of blood and was taken to the New York Hospital, where it is expected he will die.

Smith was employed at a bookstore in Barclay street, and was discharged Saturday afternoon. He brooded over his dismissal all day Sunday. Early to-day Thomas Cavanaugh, another lodger, heard the heavy thud of a body and found Smith in the hall. He had staggered from his room, where there was a great pool of blood.

"I would like to select some kind of a present for a lady friend. Will you let me look at a diamond ring?"

The salesman showed her several, but she was only a moment in saying: "This one will do very nicely. How much? \$12.50? Very well. Please have it wrapped. I will take it with me," and she paid for it in cash with as much composure as though she were buying a package of breakfast food.

The daughter turned to her mother and said: "Mamma, take me out of here quick, or I'll steal something!"

The wife of Count Folchi obtained a judicial separation from him in February, 1898, with \$20 a month alimony.

He gained 100 Pounds in 18 Months.

In the year and a half that he was a water meter inspector in the Bronx John J. Bryan gained 100 pounds in weight, according to Coroner O'Gorman, his friend. Bryan died from fatty degeneration of the heart.

New Church Dedicated.

The new church of the Assumption Blessed Virgin Mary, on West Twenty-third street, Bayonne, N. J., was dedicated yesterday afternoon. Bishop John J. O'Connor officiated and the ceremony was held while the rain fell heavily.

WATERS PIANOS

are sold at lower prices and on more liberal terms than were ever offered on standard high-grade pianos. Prices from



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Payments from \$7 to \$10 monthly without interest.

If you want a lower-priced piano we have a thoroughly good one that we can recommend and warrant.

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THE Last Call. Those who have delayed purchasing may come direct to our establishment with the assurance of finding our stock complete. To insure a record-breaking business during the next two days, decided reductions have been made in all departments. Notice that we state weights of diamonds in our advertisements—others fear to. Everything we sell is fully guaranteed. Gifts purchased now may be exchanged after Christmas at full value.

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Ladies' American Watch, gold throughout, 15 fine white diamonds, jewel movement, worth \$190, special, \$15	Ladies' Watch, diamond sunburst case, 31 fine white diamonds, jewel movement, worth \$190, special, \$50	Gentleman's Diamond Watch, 15 fine white diamonds, always fashionable, worth \$25, \$9	Jewelled Tie Clasp, variety of designs, \$2.50	Solid gold gemstone diamond, \$5.00	How to reach our establishment: Third Ave. and 8th Ave. "L" to Grand St. Surface cars—Broadway to Grand St. Madison, 2d and 3d Ave. cars to Broome St. and Bowery. From Brooklyn Bridge all cars pass door.

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